

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties number: B-4565

Name: LOMPARD ST. OVER CONRAIL TRACKS

The bridge referenced herein was inventoried by the Maryland State Highway Administration as part of the Historic Bridge Inventory, and SHA provided the Trust with eligibility determinations in February 2001. The Trust accepted the Historic Bridge Inventory on April 3, 2001. The bridge received the following determination of eligibility.

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Eligibility Recommended _____	Eligibility Not Recommended <u>X</u>
Criteria: <u>  </u> A <u>  </u> B <u>X</u> C <u>  </u> D Considerations: <u>  </u> A <u>  </u> B <u>  </u> C <u>  </u> D <u>  </u> E <u>  </u> F <u>  </u> G <u>  </u> None	
Comments: _____	
Reviewer, OPS: <u>Anne E. Bruder</u>	Date: <u>3 April 2001</u>
Reviewer, NR Program: <u>Peter E. Kurtze</u>	Date: <u>3 April 2001</u>

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Historic Bridge Inventory  
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MHT Number B-4565

Name and SHA No. BC 4209

**Location:**

Street/Road Name and Number: Lombard Street over Conrail Tracks

City/Town: Baltimore Vicinity   

County:           

Ownership:   State   County X Municipal    Other

This bridge projects over:   Road X Railway    Water    Land

Is the bridge located within a designated district:   yes   no

  NR listed district   NR determined eligible district

  locally designated   other

Name of District                                   

**Bridge Type:**

  Timber Bridge

  Beam Bridge   Truss-Covered   Trestle

  Timber-and-Concrete

  Stone Arch

  Metal Truss

  Movable Bridge

  Swing   Bascule Single Leaf   Bascule Multiple Leaf

  Vertical Lift   Retractable   Pontoon

X Metal Girder

X Rolled Girder    Rolled Girder Concrete Encased

  Plate Girder   Plate Girder Concrete Encased

  Metal Suspension

  Metal Arch

☐ Metal Cantilever

☐ Concrete

☐ Concrete Arch ☐ Concrete Slab ☐ Concrete Beam

☐ Rigid Frame

☐ Other Type Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Description:**

**Describe Setting:**

Bridge Number BC4209 carries Lombard Street in a generally east-west direction over Conrail tracks in the City of Baltimore, Maryland. The approach to the roadway is gently rising and has four lanes. The area around this bridge is urban and residential. The structures in the vicinity of this bridge are generally from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

**Describe Superstructure and Substructure:**

Bridge Number BC4209 is a single span structure, measuring 76 feet in total length. Bridge Number BC4209 is a rolled girder bridge. The roadway width from curb to curb is 44 feet and the total deck width is 60 feet. There are sidewalks on both sides of the bridge and the width of each is 6.8 feet.

The superstructure is composed of a steel rolled girder deck system. There is one span in the main bridge unit and no approach units. The span is 70 feet long. There are no stringers in the structure. The floor system is composed of concrete cast-in-place. The joints are made of a steel sliding plate. There are two rectangular concrete parapets. There are seven foot, curved metal fences on the parapets. There is little ornamentation. There are no historical plaques.

The substructure is composed of stone block full height abutments and concrete wing walls. There is no ornamentation. There are no historical plaques.

The condition of this bridge is currently rated as fair with some advanced segment loss, deterioration and spalling.

**Discuss Major Alterations:**

There have been one major alterations to this structure. These occurred in 1988 and involved a reconstruction of the superstructure. All structural elements of this bridge are new.

**History:**

**When Built:** 1900 reconstructed 1988

**Why Built:** Increased traffic density necessitated a structure with an increased load capacity.

**Who Built:** State Roads Commission

**Why Altered:**

**Was this bridge built as part of an organized bridge building campaign:**

**Surveyor Analysis:**

**This bridge may have NR significance for association with:**

☐ A Events ☐ Person

☐ C Engineering/Architectural

**Was this bridge constructed in response to significant events in Maryland or local history:**

Yes. In 1899 the Maryland Geological Survey published "Report on the Highways of Maryland." This report found Maryland bridges to generally be in poor condition. Reforms were recommended to improve this problem. One of the solutions involved the use of modern steel girders to replace iron and timber bridges.

**When the bridge was built and/or given a major alteration, did it have a significant impact on the growth and development of the area?**

No. Bridge BC4209 did not have a significant impact on the Highlandtown area. This structure was built to satisfy local needs but its function can be met through other transportation options. Bridge BC4209 certainly had an impact on the immediate concerns of locals, other options keep this impact from being significant.

**Is the bridge located in an area which may be eligible for historic designation and would the bridge add to or detract from historic and visual character of the possible district?**

No. Bridge BC4209 is located in an area with little or no historic significance. This area has had a wide variety of unconnected developments. There is little in this area that could be considered in the future for eligibility. The loss of this bridge would not detract from the historic or visual character of this area.

**Is the bridge a significant example of its type?**

Bridge BC4209 is a common type of metal girder bridge. Metal girder bridges were built prolifically in Maryland from the late nineteenth century to the present day. There is nothing to set this bridge apart from others of its type. There are numerous other examples of this bridge available.

**Does the bridge retain integrity of the important elements described in the Context Addendum?**

This structure does not retain sufficient old elements.

**Should this bridge be given further study before significance analysis is made and Why?**

No. This bridge does not retain sufficient elements of historical structural integrity to qualify for further study.

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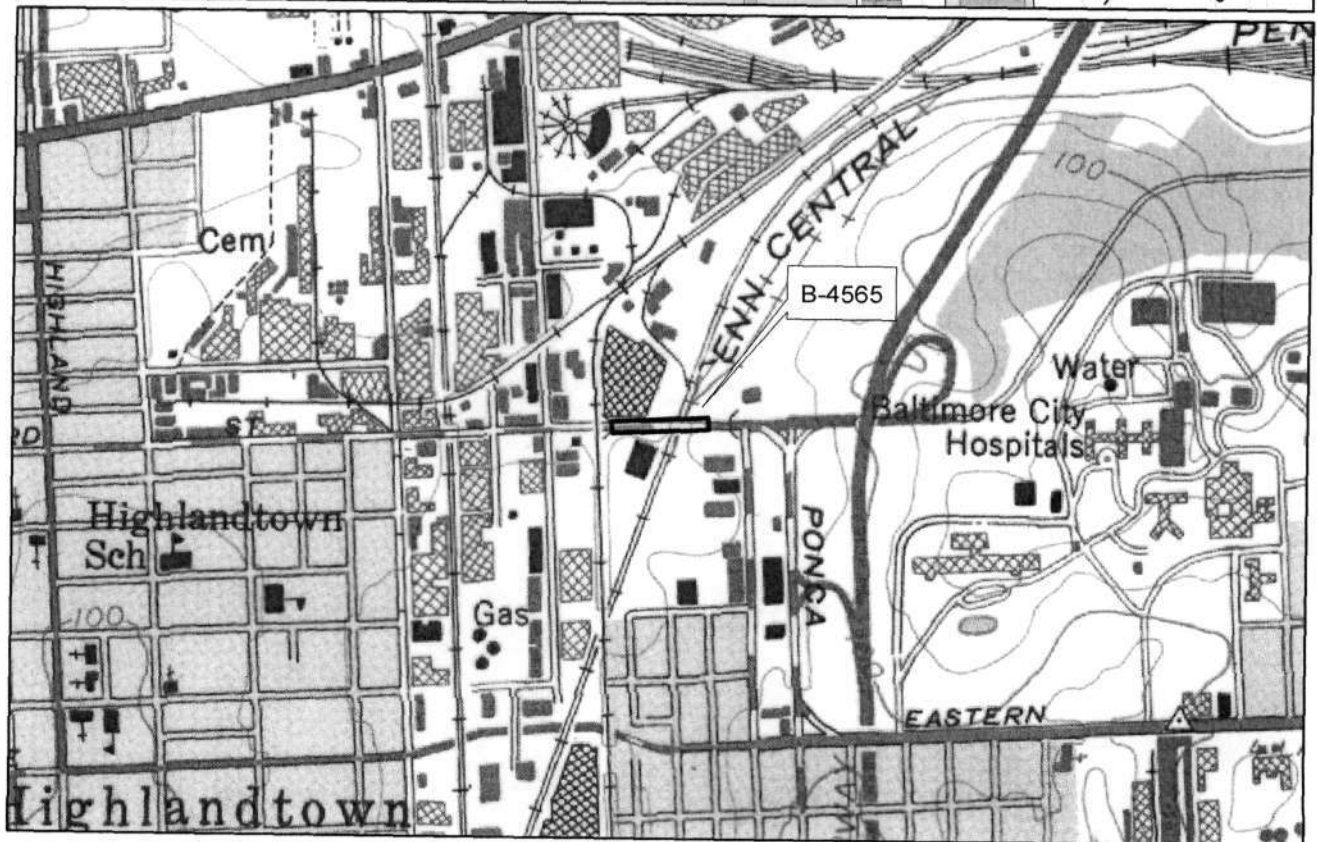
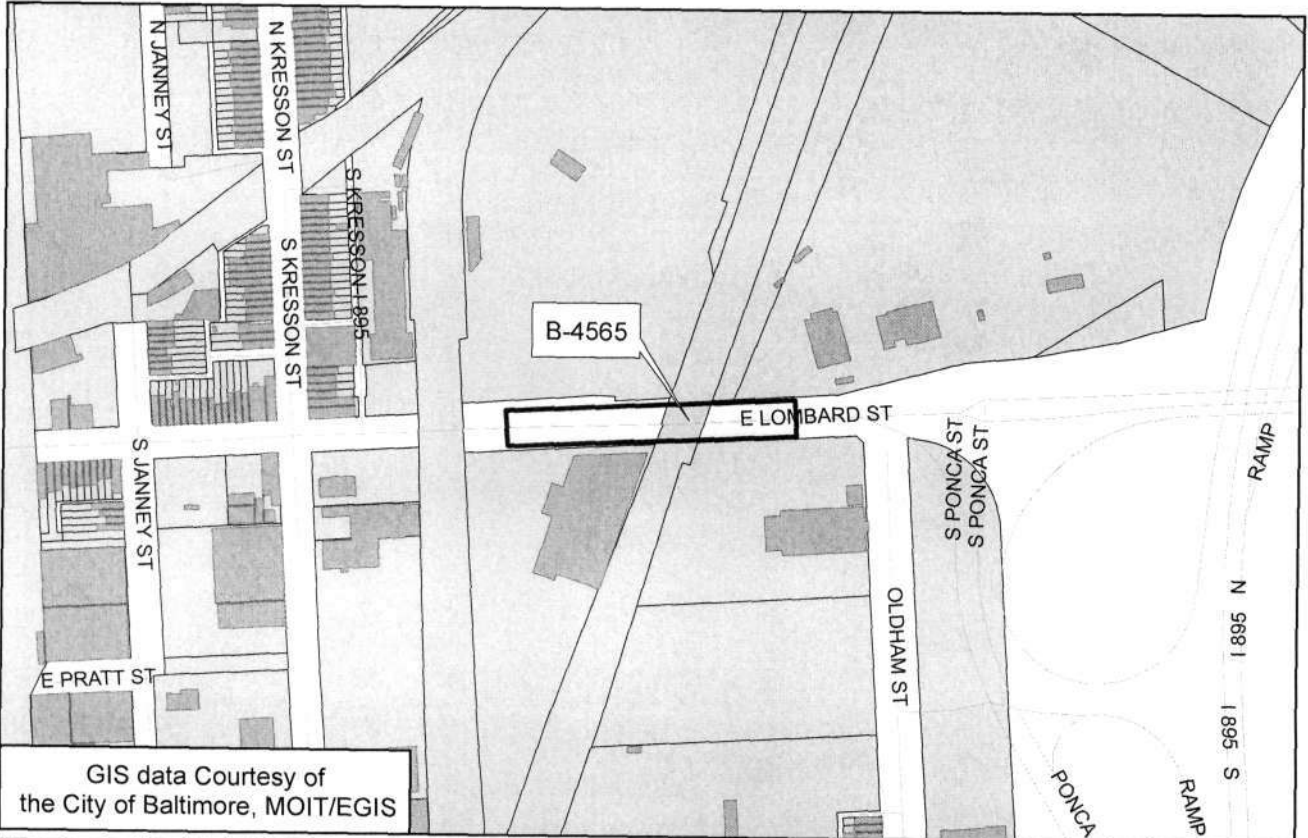
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Maryland Historic Highway Bridges  
Bridge Type Metal Girder B-4565  
Map D-13 Dundalk  
County Baltimore City  
Bridge # and name BC 4209/Lombard  
Street over Conrail Tracks



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Bridge 4209  
E. Lombard Street over Conrail Tracks  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad











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Name 4209 LOMBARD STREET OVER CONRAIL RR

County/State BALTIMORE CITY / MD

Name of Photographer TIM SCHEN

Date 1/95

Location of Negative SHA

Description WEST APPROACH

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